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DEFENSE HAS UNIQUE PLEA

CLAIMS STATE HAS WRONG MAN AT THE BAR.

Two Men Resemble Each Other Exactly, It Is Said.

In relating the court proceedings of the present term of circuit court in Wallowa county, the Enterprise Record Chieftain tells of the strenuous effort of the Wallowa county officers had to make under a subpoena to produce a witness claimed by the defense in one of the liquor cases to resemble the defendant so much that that the witness for the state was mistaken when he charged the defendant with selling him the liquor, as alleged.

The testimony in the Charles D. Graham trial turned on a question of identity, the defense alleging that Underwood and Graham resembled each other to such a marked degree that the two men could not be told apart by those alleged to have bought liquor. A hunt for Underwood was at once begun. On the day the Graham trial was closing the sheriff's office received word that he had returned to

Enterprise. But efforts to find him were fruitless.

Sheriff Marvin became satisfied on Thursday afternoon, that Underwood had gone east of town to the neighborhood of the ranch of T. P. Coleman a cousin, 20 miles away.

Sheriff Marvin, Deputy Sam Pace, City Marshal Hug and Harry Nottingham at once made up a party and they started at 6 o'clock in two sleds for the Coleman place. The night was dark and sleet, carried by a driving wind, pelted the four men. They lost their way repeatedly and several times their sleighs upset, spilling them out into the wet snow.

It was midnight when they arrived at the Coleman ranch. The four men separated, two going to the barn and the others to the house. They feared the man they sought, if he was on the premises, might take advantage of the darkness and slip away. Shortly they roused Coleman and his wife and the visitors at once searched the house. Sam Pace got down on his knees and poked his head under beds and the others ransacked every corner of the building, but without result.

Then Marshal Hug had an idea. He had noticed there was an attic to the house. Pushing himself up through the trap door he began overhauling articles stored there. The about 15 inches apart. Noticing a pile of blanket lying across these sleepers, Hug lifted them and there,

securely smuggling between the timbers, lay Underwood.

He and Hug climbed down and all had a good laugh at the outcome of the hunt. Then, as soon as the Enterprise men had warmed themselves well at Coleman's fire, they started back for the county seat. They reached the city after another cold ride at 7 o'clock Friday morning 13 hours after they had started.

Knowles Passes Heavy Sentences.

Further particulars of the Wallowa County "bootlegging" cases are shown by the following from an exchange: Byron Underwood pleaded guilty to three indictments. Under the third indictment he was sentenced by Judge Knowles to pay a fine of \$350 and to serve 30 days in the county jail. On the first two indictments sentence was withheld by the judge.

Charles D. Graham, previously tried and found guilty, was sentenced to pay a \$100 fine and to serve 20 days in the jail.

The charges against William Wade and Lon Bright were dismissed.

In the case of L. A. Jackson the cash bond of \$500 was declared forfeited.

LABOR STANDS BY EDUCATION

JOINT CO-OPERATION URGED AT THE DALLES.

Organizations and Schools Should Work Together.

The Oregon State Federation of Labor before adjourning its state convention at The Dalles endorsed the "Oregon System" and state support of education in the following resolutions:

"Hoping to obviate the belief of some people that the labor men are opposed to the educational interests of the state, the federation unanimously passed the following resolution:

Whereas, the Oregon System of government by the people, is deeply cherished by the great majority of our citizens, so long unrepresented in the halls of legislation, there have been, and is now, urged proposals to amend or change laws for various alleged objects and purposes. Almost invariably the changes proposed emanate from known enemies of these laws and are designed to render them of no effect.

Fundamentally the Oregon system was designed to protect the popular or common interests of the people of the state from the encroachments of private, special or privileged interests. The success of this design

DEBATERS IN FIGHTING TRIM

WESTERN OREGON LEAGUE NOW ORGANIZED.

Only One Judge to Decide Debates Hereafter.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., Jan. 19.—In 24 high schools of the state, students are busy preparing for the debates of the Oregon High School Debating League. According to reports received by LeRoy Johnson an instructor in the public speaking department of the University of Oregon, who has the secretaryship of the league, two of the preliminary debates have already been held. Tillamook high school defeated the Nehalem high school and the McMinnville team triumphed over the Woodburn trio.

A recent ruling adopted by the league is to reduce the number of judges at debates from three to one. The reason for this change was the need for economizing the conducting of the debates.

As usual the final debate of the league which decides the championship of the state will be held in Villard Hall at the University of Oregon. During the last three years the Grants Pass high school has won the state championship twice and Lebanon high school once.

The schedule of the preliminary debates as furnished by Secretary Johnson, is as follows:

Coos Bay district—February 12, Coquille vs. Marshfield at Marshfield, Bandon vs. North Bend at Bend, Marshfield vs. Myrtle Point at Myrtle Point, North Bend vs. Coquille at Coquille, Myrtle Point vs. Bandon at Bandon.

Southern Oregon district—Jan. 26, Ashland vs. Klamath Falls, Grants Pass vs. Medford at Medford.

Central Oregon district—Jan. 19, Eugene vs. Salem at Salem, Eugene vs. Albany at Albany, Salem vs. Albany, Corvallis vs. Lebanon, Corvallis vs. Falls City, Lebanon vs. Falls City, Springfield vs. Junction.

Columbia River district—Tillamook vs. Nehalem, already held, Seaside vs. Astoria latter part of January, McMinnville vs. Woodburn already held, Tillamook vs. McMinnville, Jan. 19.

The Eastern Oregon district has not sent in their schedule as yet. Each high school has two teams, which makes possible a debate at home on the same night that the other team is revealing its views in the town of one of its rivals.

has been such that it is a paramount public duty further to unite the popular interests upon a working basis for the best use and safest development of the people's government.

In view of this need the Oregon state grange, some years ago, invited the co-operation of organized labor, and together these two great common interests have successfully acted in more than one noteworthy ambition.

The same method should be extended to include the state school system and all educational institutions supported by the state. It should include all those interests essentially common in their nature, the promotion of which inures to the public rather than private good. Therefore be it

Resolved, that the Oregon State Federation of Labor, in regular convention assembled, does hereby suggest and invite the getting together of the representatives of the common interests of the state including particularly the state grange, State Federation of Labor, University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural College, State Teachers' association, and the Farmers' Union, and such state officials as are directly connected with these interests, for the mutual discussion and promotion of closer acquaintance and co-operation for the common good under the Oregon system.

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed by the president of this convention, the duty of which committee shall be to act for this body in conveying the purport of this resolution to the individuals and interests concerned and for arranging such meetings or discussions as may develop therefrom.

President Daly appointed R. A. Harris of Salem, W. A. Marshall and Edward J. Stack as the committee to promote the co-operation plan.

Mr. Harris, who is the state printing expert at Salem, favored the resolution. He thinks the Oregon educational institutions will eventually be compelled to depend upon the labor federation and the state grange for their support, and that the co-operation plan would in time do away with

.037 Per Cent. 6.66 Per Cent.

These figures represent the proportion of fires caused by defective electric wiring and kerosene lamps respectively.

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City School Items

At assembly Monday morning, after

playing a few selections on the new graphonola, announcements were made as to the order and time of the exams for the semester, which took up the rest of the week.

Although most of the pupils made grades and were informed of the fact, reports have not as yet been

the "trading" on the part of the state schools in order to get appropriations and legislation.

The federation endorsed the Esch bill which proposes to prohibit the use of poisonous sulphur in the manufacture of matches.

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arranged. Rev. S. W. Seemann is booked to address the students at assembly next Tuesday morning.

A goodly number of grade and high school pupils at the Schubert musical entertainment Wednesday evening greatly appreciated the production and were only sorry it was not longer.

Application for Grazing Permits.

Notice is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses and sheep within the Wenaha National forest during the season of 1912, must be filed in my office at Walla Walla, Washington, on or before February 15, 1912. Full information in regard to the fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making applications will be furnished upon request.

J. M. SCHMITZ, Supervisor.
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